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1. Japanese journalist (F) (Paragraphs 1-3)
2. Japanese journalist (B) (Paragraph 4)

1. Until recently, the East Asia League Comrades Society (Toa Renmei Doshi Kai) advocated "self-defense neutrality" (jiei churitsu), in accordance with the theories of former Colonel TSUJI Masanobu, its dominant leader, and like most Japanese rightist organizations it approved the acceptance of MSA aid from the United States. However, after charges had appeared in the press that aid was designed to put Japan in a colonial relationship to the United States, the League reconsidered and made an official announcement of its opposition to MSA aid on the grounds that it would impair Japan's military and economic independence.

2. At this point TSUJI organized a Self-Defense League (Jiei Domei) with such slogans as "Rearmament Movement" and "Smash the Leftist Movements!" This displeased a considerable part of the Society, and Professor TANAKA Naokichi of Kinki University and former Colonel TANAKA Hisashi, representing the Kinki and Shikoku Regional Councils of the Society respectively, presented a resolution attacking TSUJI's activities as factional and criticizing "self-defense neutrality" as the main plank in the Society's platform.

3. Rumors immediately arose that TSUJI would be expelled from the Society, but he forestalled this by resigning from it, calling on those who agreed with him to follow him. The only ones who did so were SUGIURA Haruo and [illegible] Kasuya of the Hinomaru Comrades Society (Hinomaru Doshi Kai) of Nagano-Ken. Thus at present there is the Self-Defense League under TSUJI and the East Asia League Comrades Society, almost intact, with the former advocating an aggressive rearmament movement while the latter still holds to "self-defense neutrality" as part only of its platform.

4. TSUJI has been getting considerable financial support from KOHORI [illegible], the de facto owner of the Tokyo Onsen (bathhouse), which recently caused [illegible] scandal and in which the Iwaki Cement Company invested heavily [illegible]. KOHORI served under TSUJI when the latter was Chief of Staff of the Japanese expeditionary forces in French-Indo China [illegible] by bribing South China Sea pirates [illegible] between Indo-China and Shanghai and also helped enforce the Japanese blockade of the South China coast. [illegible], president of the Iwaki Cement Company, also met TSUJI and KOHORI in Indo-China, where he was manager of the company's Hanoi branch during the [illegible]

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